

# Heber caboose moved to new site

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HEBER CITY — The little red caboose on Heber City's Main street was evicted Friday after standing 14 years as a landmark and Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce's information center.

Friday, a crane lifted the front and a forklift raised the rear of the 10-ton relic off the wheels, called trucks. A backhoe guided the fragile cargo with a chain onto a flatbed trailer and it was taken to the depot where it will stay until a new home is prepared for it.

No one complained publicly about the caboose's presence in front of the deteriorating Heber LDS Stake Tabernacle until spring 1987. Then the city council started making final plans to renovate the historic building to house city offices and decided the caboose should be moved.

Mayor Gordon Mendenhall called the caboose an eyesore that would detract from the building, but nothing was done about moving it until a few months ago when the mayor told the chamber the caboose had to be moved immediately.

In May, the chamber proposed to move it 30 feet so it wouldn't be directly in front of the tabernacle, to repair and paint it and landscape around



A forklift and crane are used to hoist the caboose so it can be moved.

it. However, the council turned down the proposal with a 5-3 vote.

Whether or not the caboose should be moved and where it should be moved became the subject of controversy dividing the city council and constituents. Then, a few weeks ago, a Heber City train buff, Brent Groth, made an offer to pur-

chase the caboose. He reported that the mayor accepted his check but he cancelled his offer because the receipt he was given did not document that he would be the legal owner.

Finally, the chamber, the Heber Creeper and the Wasatch Railway Museum and Foundation Inc., also with in-

terest in the caboose, were notified by the city attorney that the caboose had to be moved by Aug. 24 or be liable for triple damages.

Lowe Ashton, owner of the Heber Creeper, who leases the caboose from the foundation, moved it to the Heber Creeper depot to protect his interest.

# family values during Utah visit



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alk with LDS Church President Ezra T. Benson.

church and its leaders offered  
one.

"Marilyn and I identify with

you here in Utah. I can just  
see that sincere, honest com-  
mitment to families. We be-

lieve in our families. We un-  
derstand any nation is only as  
great as their families are,"  
Quayle later told a drizzle-  
spattered crowd of some 3,000  
from the steps of the Davis  
County Courthouse in Far-  
mington, 20 miles north of  
here.

Farmington is one of the  
most Republican of communi-  
ties in this predominantly Re-  
publican state. However, a  
spokesman denied Quayle had  
included Utah on his campaign  
itinerary because it might of-  
fer a "safe haven."

Questions about Quayle's  
possible use of family influ-  
ence to obtain a slot in the  
Indiana National Guard during  
the height of the Vietnam War,  
and that he exaggerated his  
record in the Indiana attorney  
general's office, have plagued  
the Republican campaign since  
Quayle was selected as George  
Bush's running mate.

In a 10-minute speech,  
Quayle outlined Bush's position  
on a variety of family issues,  
including abortion and day

care for working parents. He  
told the cheering crowd that  
the family was the "center-  
piece of American society."

Quayle said that Democratic  
presidential candidate Michael  
Dukakis would impose day-  
care guidelines that would al-  
low the federal government to  
dictate how children are cared  
for.

"He wants the federal gov-  
ernment to come in here and  
tell you how to take care of  
your children," he said, draw-  
ing boos of agreement from  
the crowd.

The boos turned to cheers  
when Quayle said Bush's tax-  
credit proposal for day care  
would allow parents to decide  
for themselves.

"We want and we need to  
have the parents involved in  
making that determination"  
regarding child care, he said.

Quayle made no mention of  
questions about his National  
Guard service, but Republican  
Sen. Jake Garn did in intro-  
ducing the candidate.

## dent dies

his hands over his chest and  
fell forward onto the wire,"  
Reed Blake said.

"If my son had fallen back  
he would be walking around

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of small amounts of radioactive material while